

Global warming Synonyms Environmental problems Animal idioms

1 Complete the sentences with the missing words. The first and the last letters of the words have been given. The number of letters in each word is given in brackets.

- 1 The heat was r_____s (11); even after sunset the temperature didn't drop more than a few degrees.
- 2 All that businesses want to do is b_____t (5) their sales.
- 3 Climate change specialists warn of the potentially c_____c (12) consequences of rising temperatures.
- 4 At present, vegetarians c_____e (10) a small but increasingly vocal minority.
- 5 If governments and international organisations don't t_____e (6) environmental problems effectively, the actions of individuals will make little difference.
- 6 D_____n (13) isn't a problem limited to the Amazonian jungle – it happens in many areas around the world.
- 7 Sugar c_____n (11) is linked to a number of serious health conditions, such as diabetes and heart disease.

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2 Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There are more words than you need.

biodiversity critical emissions livestock radical substantial sustainable

- 1 All of humanity should adopt a more _____ lifestyle – but who is to make them?
- 2 The _____ sector is responsible for a great deal of pollution.
- 3 The Kyoto Protocol is an international agreement to reduce greenhouse gas _____.
- 4 There has been a _____ increase in meat consumption over the last half century.
- 5 Loss of _____ means we are less well prepared to defend ourselves against human and animal diseases.
- 6 I don't see my approach as especially _____; I see it as common sense.

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3 Choose the best option.

1 OK, let's take the _____ by the horns. How much money do we need to raise?

A bull B cow C bison

2 This is reliable information; I got it straight from the _____ mouth.

A owl's B elephant's C horse's

3 The journalist discovered some shocking facts but decided to let sleeping _____ lie.

A wolves B dogs C snakes

4 I told him what he was doing was wrong but it was like water off a _____ back.

A duck's B swan's C goose's

5 If we go to the countryside today, we can kill two _____ with one stone – go walking and buy some fresh veg at the village market.

A rats B birds C ducks

6 We'd been preparing a birthday party for my brother and managed to keep the secret for quite long, but my younger sister let the _____ out of the bag on the last day.

A pigeon B cat C mouse

7 'All the people on earth could become vegetarians and share all the food equally.' 'Yeah, and _____ might fly.'

A cows B elephants C pigs